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Re: Filing of New U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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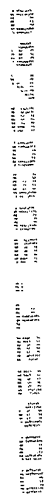
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